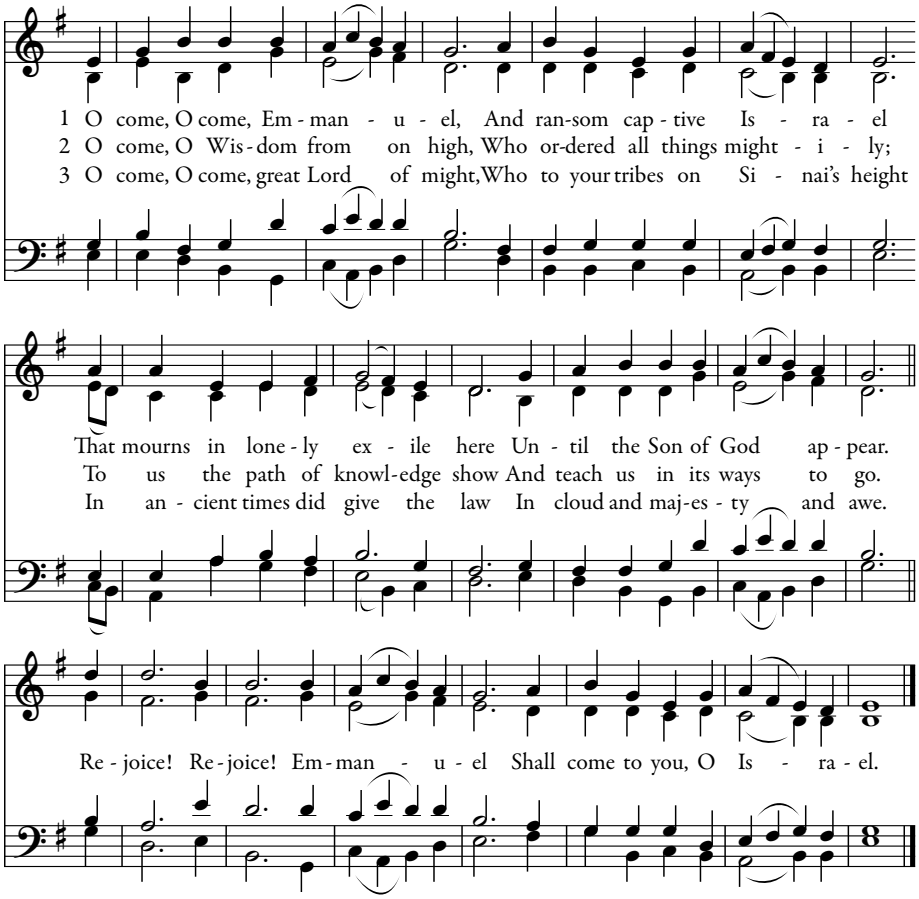
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VENI EMMANUEL — ADAPT. BY THOMAS HELMORE, 1811–1890



4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
Unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

5 O come, O Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe for us the heav'nward road
And bar the way to death's abode.

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
And bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
And turn our darkness into light.

7 O come, O King of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
And be yourself our King of Peace.

Veni, veni Emmanuel; para. of the Ancient Antiphons, 12th cent.
tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866